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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals, e.g. Christmas and Easter.

TREND ESTIMATE

Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by removing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months' data become available.

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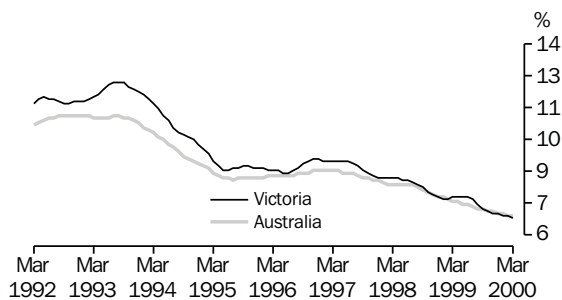
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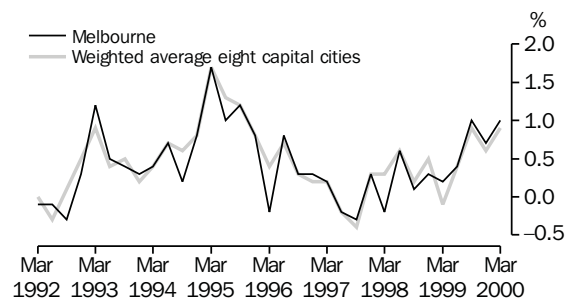
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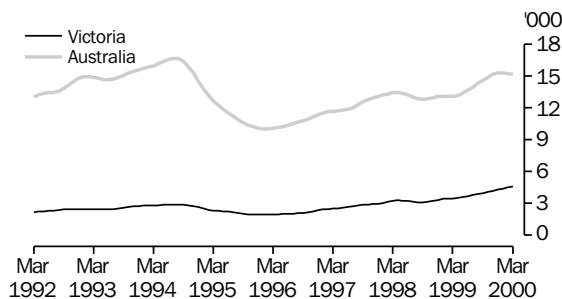
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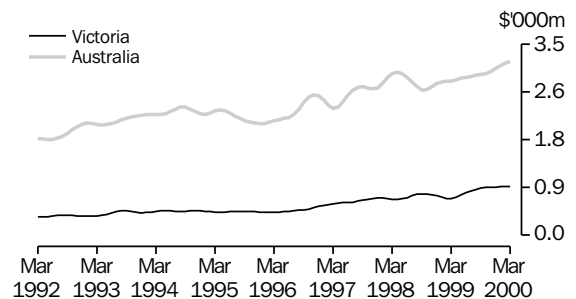
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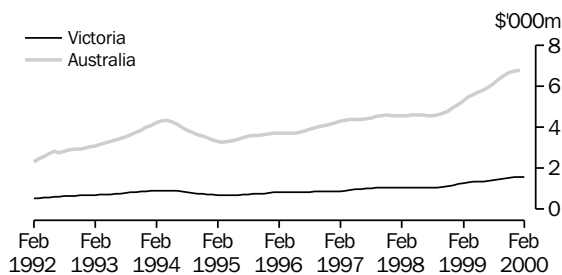
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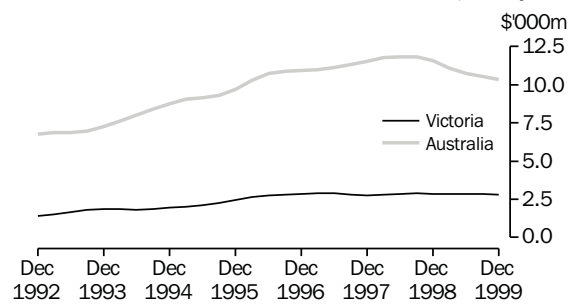
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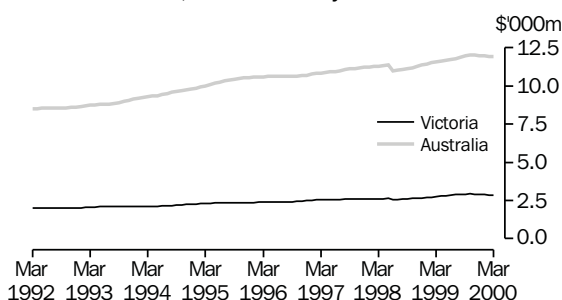
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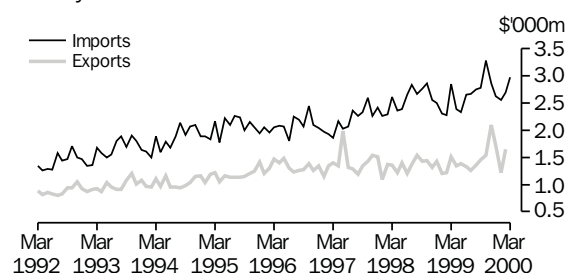
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males	Females	Persons	Natural	Total	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1996-97	2 275.2	2 330.0	4 605.2	28.7	45.1	3 321.8
1997-98	2 301.0	2 353.9	4 654.9	27.7	49.7	3 367.0
1998-99	2 330.1	2 382.1	4 712.2	26.2	57.2	3 417.2
1997						
September qtr	2 281.9	2 336.0	4 617.8	6.1	12.6	..
December qtr	2 286.3	2 341.1	4 627.4	7.4	9.6	..
1998						
March qtr	2 295.3	2 348.9	4 644.3	7.4	16.9	..
June qtr	2 301.0	2 353.9	4 654.9	6.8	10.7	..
September qtr	2 308.2	2 360.8	4 669.0	6.4	14.1	..
December qtr	2 315.3	2 368.6	4 683.8	6.6	14.8	..
1999						
March qtr	2 324.6	2 376.8	4 701.4	6.9	17.6	..
June qtr	2 330.1	2 382.1	4 712.2	6.4	10.8	..
September qtr	2 337.8	2 388.9	4 726.6	6.2	14.4	..

(a) Based on the 1998 Statistical Division boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Registrations				Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population				
	Births	Deaths (including infant deaths)	Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Infant deaths per 1,000 live births
	no.	no.	no.	no.	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate
1996-97	61 232	32 570	25 664	13 046	13.36	7.11	5.60	2.85	4.46
1997-98	60 143	32 423	25 955	11 916	13.00	7.01	5.61	2.58	4.86
1998-99 p	59 016	32 769	26 249	12 614	12.60	7.00	5.60	2.69	5.74
1997									
September qtr	15 437	9 344	3 822	3 164	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr	15 259	7 813	7 533	3 181	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1997	60 610	32 760	25 456	12 463	13.16	7.11	5.53	2.71	4.82
1998									
March qtr	14 577	7 169	8 530	2 663	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr	14 870	8 097	6 070	2 908	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	15 550	9 131	3 912	3 188	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr p	15 193	8 614	7 860	3 548	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1998 p	60 190	33 011	26 372	12 307	12.93	7.09	5.67	2.64	5.15
1999									
March qtr p	13 492	6 618	8 659	2 774	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr p	14 781	8 406	5 818	3 104	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr	14 965	8 747	4 210	3 461	..	..	..	..	..

Source: Demography, Victoria (Cat. no. 3311.2) (annual); Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

Month	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed looking for work</i>			<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population 15 years and over</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Part-time</i>	<i>Total</i>					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES										
1999										
January	1 061.1	1 219.8	89.0	17.0	106.0	1 325.9	500.4	1 826.2	8.0	72.6
February	1 085.5	1 231.2	94.5	16.2	110.7	1 341.9	486.5	1 828.4	8.2	73.4
March	1 083.1	1 238.3	81.9	17.1	99.0	1 337.4	493.2	1 830.5	7.4	73.1
April	1 065.9	1 229.7	91.6	19.7	111.3	1 341.0	491.9	1 832.9	8.3	73.2
May	1 065.2	1 220.4	88.8	21.9	110.7	1 331.1	504.2	1 835.3	8.3	72.5
June	1 072.6	1 248.4	87.4	11.5	98.8	1 347.2	490.4	1 837.7	7.3	73.3
July	1 082.6	1 243.2	80.7	14.8	95.5	1 338.7	501.3	1 840.0	7.1	72.8
August	1 072.4	1 225.7	80.3	18.1	98.4	1 324.2	518.2	1 842.3	7.4	71.9
September	1 079.6	1 243.7	82.8	17.7	100.5	1 344.2	500.5	1 844.7	7.5	72.9
October	1 077.2	1 242.2	71.5	15.9	87.4	1 329.6	518.0	1 847.6	6.6	72.0
November	1 068.9	1 228.3	74.6	14.4	89.0	1 317.4	533.2	1 850.5	6.8	71.2
December	1 097.1	1 262.9	74.8	20.1	95.0	1 357.9	495.6	1 853.5	7.0	73.3
2000										
January	1 077.8	1 232.6	78.0	13.5	91.4	1 324.0	531.6	1 855.6	6.9	71.4
February	1 102.6	1 254.6	71.9	18.8	90.7	1 345.3	512.6	1 857.8	6.7	72.4
March	1 084.4	1 249.8	71.7	21.1	92.8	1 342.5	517.5	1 860.0	6.9	72.2
FEMALES										
1999										
January	533.9	915.4	52.2	24.0	76.2	991.6	915.7	1 907.2	7.7	52.0
February	531.6	929.5	54.6	32.1	86.7	1 016.2	893.0	1 909.2	8.5	53.2
March	525.8	936.6	48.1	32.2	80.3	1 016.9	894.3	1 911.2	7.9	53.2
April	520.0	936.8	45.6	28.2	73.8	1 010.6	902.9	1 913.5	7.3	52.8
May	520.3	940.0	43.5	28.0	71.5	1 011.5	904.4	1 915.9	7.1	52.8
June	523.6	951.8	44.5	25.1	69.6	1 021.4	896.8	1 918.2	6.8	53.2
July	542.5	963.3	38.6	35.3	73.9	1 037.2	883.4	1 920.6	7.1	54.0
August	527.8	953.3	38.4	29.0	67.4	1 020.6	902.3	1 922.9	6.6	53.1
September	539.5	981.9	45.5	33.9	79.3	1 061.2	864.1	1 925.3	7.5	55.1
October	536.0	975.8	42.3	25.8	68.1	1 043.9	884.1	1 928.0	6.5	54.1
November	533.8	975.3	38.5	27.7	66.3	1 041.6	889.1	1 930.7	6.4	54.0
December	568.0	997.4	43.5	26.8	70.4	1 067.8	865.6	1 933.4	6.6	55.2
2000										
January	547.3	943.2	43.4	33.8	77.3	1 020.5	915.0	1 935.4	7.6	52.7
February	546.2	965.8	49.9	34.2	84.1	1 049.9	887.6	1 937.5	8.0	54.2
March	546.9	981.2	47.6	33.3	80.9	1 062.1	877.4	1 939.5	7.6	54.8
PERSONS										
1999										
January	1 595.0	2 135.2	141.2	41.0	182.2	2 317.4	1 416.1	3 733.5	7.9	62.1
February	1 617.1	2 160.8	149.1	48.3	197.4	2 358.1	1 379.5	3 737.6	8.4	63.1
March	1 609.0	2 175.0	130.0	49.3	179.3	2 354.3	1 387.5	3 741.8	7.6	62.9
April	1 585.9	2 166.6	137.3	47.8	185.1	2 351.6	1 394.8	3 746.5	7.9	62.8
May	1 582.8	2 160.3	132.3	49.9	182.2	2 342.6	1 408.6	3 751.2	7.8	62.4
June	1 596.2	2 200.2	131.9	36.6	168.4	2 368.6	1 387.3	3 755.9	7.1	63.1
July	1 625.1	2 206.5	119.4	50.1	169.4	2 375.9	1 384.6	3 760.6	7.1	63.2
August	1 600.2	2 179.0	118.7	47.1	165.8	2 344.8	1 420.5	3 765.3	7.1	62.3
September	1 619.1	2 225.5	128.3	51.6	179.9	2 405.4	1 364.5	3 770.0	7.5	63.8
October	1 613.2	2 218.0	113.7	41.8	155.5	2 373.5	1 402.1	3 775.6	6.6	62.9
November	1 602.7	2 203.7	113.2	42.1	155.3	2 359.0	1 422.2	3 781.2	6.6	62.4
December	1 665.1	2 260.3	118.3	47.0	165.3	2 425.7	1 361.2	3 786.8	6.8	64.1
2000										
January	1 625.1	2 175.8	121.4	47.3	168.7	2 344.5	1 446.6	3 791.1	7.2	61.8
February	1 648.7	2 220.4	121.8	53.0	174.8	2 395.2	1 400.1	3 795.3	7.3	63.1
March	1 631.3	2 230.9	119.3	54.4	173.7	2 404.6	1 394.9	3 799.6	7.2	63.3

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY

	Nov 1998	Feb 1999	May 1999	Aug 1999	Nov 1999	Feb 2000
<i>Industry division</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	51.8	57.9	58.6	56.3	56.1	56.6
Mining	5.3	*3.8	*3.1	*2.9	*3.6	5.1
Manufacturing	244.3	259.0	241.9	236.6	244.6	255.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	12.0	13.4	14.4	13.9	10.6	11.1
Construction	132.1	125.7	130.1	133.8	137.0	136.3
Wholesale trade	85.8	86.5	81.6	88.6	90.4	77.6
Retail trade	165.1	170.1	166.0	161.7	163.9	166.0
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	39.9	42.4	41.7	40.0	41.2	46.2
Transport and storage	75.6	78.5	72.0	75.5	70.8	71.8
Communication services	26.4	28.5	27.8	27.9	29.6	35.7
Finance and insurance	50.4	45.4	43.4	36.8	38.9	42.7
Property and business services	148.4	138.3	154.3	162.2	148.7	144.5
Government administration and defence	31.4	28.6	28.8	27.7	35.2	34.3
Education	38.4	40.4	45.4	46.4	50.2	48.0
Health and community services	45.0	46.6	42.3	39.5	36.4	41.5
Cultural and recreational services	26.5	25.1	27.3	32.3	30.4	31.7
Personal and other services	40.3	41.2	41.5	43.4	40.8	50.0
Total	1 218.9	1 231.2	1 220.4	1 225.7	1 228.3	1 254.6
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	25.3	28.8	26.8	26.4	29.1	25.8
Mining	*0.2	*0.0	*0.3	*0.6	*0.8	*1.4
Manufacturing	91.4	98.3	98.1	94.5	98.9	101.6
Electricity, gas and water supply	*2.5	*2.7	*3.9	*3.0	*2.4	*2.4
Construction	18.2	16.5	17.2	17.3	18.5	21.0
Wholesale trade	40.6	40.2	42.8	46.1	50.0	34.5
Retail trade	161.5	167.6	168.5	174.9	172.2	173.7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	49.9	43.8	44.6	47.0	48.9	48.3
Transport and storage	19.7	22.1	22.2	20.8	22.7	20.9
Communication services	13.2	10.9	14.0	14.1	17.3	19.5
Finance and insurance	51.2	45.1	37.3	39.7	45.7	49.4
Property and business services	112.1	108.0	108.9	123.6	114.5	116.8
Government administration and defence	40.5	38.2	38.7	38.6	40.7	34.2
Education	93.3	84.0	101.1	105.1	97.1	93.6
Health and community services	155.4	155.4	144.3	137.6	149.6	156.8
Cultural and recreational services	28.2	26.2	32.6	26.2	26.4	24.9
Personal and other services	37.8	41.5	38.7	37.6	40.4	41.0
Total	941.0	929.5	940.0	953.3	975.3	965.8
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	77.1	86.6	85.3	82.7	85.2	82.4
Mining	5.6	*3.8	*3.4	*3.5	*4.4	6.5
Manufacturing	335.8	357.4	340.0	331.2	343.5	357.1
Electricity, gas and water supply	14.5	16.2	18.3	16.9	13.0	13.5
Construction	150.3	142.2	147.3	151.1	155.6	157.3
Wholesale trade	126.4	126.7	124.4	134.7	140.4	112.1
Retail trade	326.6	337.6	334.5	336.7	336.0	339.7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	89.8	86.3	86.3	87.1	90.0	94.5
Transport and storage	95.3	100.6	94.2	96.4	93.5	92.7
Communication services	39.6	39.4	41.9	42.0	46.9	55.1
Finance and insurance	101.6	90.5	80.7	76.5	84.7	92.1
Property and business services	260.5	246.3	263.3	285.8	263.2	261.3
Government administration and defence	72.0	66.8	67.5	66.3	75.8	68.5
Education	131.7	124.4	146.5	151.5	147.3	141.6
Health and community services	200.4	202.0	186.6	177.1	186.0	198.3
Cultural and recreational services	54.6	51.4	60.0	58.5	56.8	56.6
Personal and other services	78.0	82.8	80.2	80.9	81.2	91.0
Total	2 159.8	2 160.8	2 160.3	2 179.0	2 203.7	2 220.4

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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JOB VACANCIES

Month	Vacancies all persons '000	Sector		Job vacancy rate %
		Public	Private	
		'000	'000	
1998				
November	34.4	1.9	32.5	1.58
1999				
February	15.6	*2.4	13.3	0.73
May	22.1	2.5	19.6	1.05
August	29.3	3.0	26.4	1.39
November	31.0	3.8	27.1	1.49
2000				
February	27.0	4.4	22.5	1.33

Source: Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly).

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Month	Disputes		Employees involved		Working days lost				
	Beginning in period	Total	Beginning in period	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Education, health, community services	Other industries	Total
	no.	no.	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1998									
November	15	16	12.7	12.8	3.9	0.3	10.0	3.3	17.4
December	19	21	3.1	4.6	2.8	1.4	—	1.3	5.5
1999									
January	5	8	1.3	1.7	2.6	0.5	—	1.2	4.3
February	17	20	2.5	3.7	1.4	1.5	—	1.7	4.7
March	29	32	3.6	4.2	7.3	1.0	—	1.3	9.6
April	15	21	13.9	14.8	7.1	13.0	—	1.8	21.9
May	23	25	3.6	3.9	7.5	0.1	0.1	1.2	8.8
June	23	25	10.9	11.3	13.1	1.2	0.1	1.2	15.6
July	16	23	10.3	11.0	11.5	6.6	1.1	0.5	19.6
August r	29	34	75.9	76.5	42.7	8.5	10.6	6.1	67.9
September	13	14	14.0	14.1	19.2	4.6	—	0.2	24.0
October	r 21	r 23	8.2	8.4	1.6	r 5.1	0.7	0.6	8.0
November r	17	21	17.8	17.9	5.2	19.6	—	0.6	25.4
December r	29	34	5.6	6.5	6.2	1.7	—	0.5	8.4
2000									
January	19	24	2.7	2.9	3.9	2.4	—	0.8	7.1

Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
Month	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1998									
August	770.90	826.30	704.30	650.20	662.70	475.60	728.00	768.20	600.90
November	781.80	842.10	716.80	657.40	673.30	473.90	736.30	780.30	602.40
1999									
February	769.20	823.70	710.90	658.10	673.20	474.40	729.00	769.20	600.30
May	783.00	835.00	717.60	666.20	679.80	486.50	740.60	778.60	608.00
August	772.30	821.00	705.70	685.20	700.80	488.40	740.80	777.60	601.60
November	780.80	838.80	726.90	695.40	712.40	488.80	750.10	793.40	610.80

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MELBOURNE

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household equipment and operation</i>	<i>Transport- ation</i>	<i>Tobacco and alcohol</i>	<i>Health and personal care</i>	<i>Recreation and education</i>	<i>All groups</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups</i>
1996–97	118.6	108.4	95.0	114.7	124.0	158.5	157.1	123.3	119.9	120.3
1997–98	120.5	108.9	86.5	115.0	123.3	161.4	162.2	127.6	119.8	120.3
1998–99	125.1	108.1	86.7	115.1	120.8	166.9	161.1	129.6	120.9	121.8
1998										
March qtr	120.7	109.0	84.1	115.1	122.1	162.0	163.6	129.4	119.6	120.3
June qtr	121.6	108.9	86.2	115.1	122.0	163.9	165.8	128.8	120.3	121.0
September qtr	123.6	108.9	85.3	115.3	121.0	165.0	166.7	128.4	120.4	121.3
December qtr	124.3	108.2	86.6	115.3	120.6	166.0	165.3	129.0	120.8	121.9
1999										
March qtr	125.8	107.5	87.3	114.7	119.9	167.6	155.7	131.0	121.0	121.8
June qtr	126.7	107.8	87.5	115.1	121.6	169.1	156.6	129.8	121.5	122.3
September qtr	127.8	107.5	88.8	114.3	125.9	169.4	157.0	130.7	122.7	123.4
December qtr	128.6	107.1	90.4	114.4	125.2	173.7	157.0	131.0	123.5	124.1
2000										
March qtr	128.3	106.9	91.7	114.3	129.2	176.5	160.5	132.2	124.7	125.2

Base of each group: year 1989–90=100.0

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

<i>Group</i>	<i>1999–2000</i>						<i>Weighted average of six state capital cities—Mar qtr 2000</i>
	<i>1996–97</i>	<i>1997–98</i>	<i>1998–99</i>	<i>Sep qtr</i>	<i>Dec qtr</i>	<i>Mar qtr</i>	
House building							
All groups	115.3	117.1	118.0	119.2	120.5	122.9	123.8
Other than house building							
Structural timber	110.1	115.6	116.2	113.1	117.6	119.9	133.2
Clay bricks	113.1	117.9	119.6	119.3	119.3	126.3	125.7
Ready mix concrete	111.5	111.4	112.9	111.6	111.3	110.3	102.9
Precast concrete products	110.3	115.7	123.9	126.6	127.5	133.6	128.5
Steel decking and cladding	109.2	109.4	108.0	107.8	108.5	108.0	114.6
Structural steel	104.2	104.9	104.9	101.2	102.0	100.8	112.3
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	100.7	100.8	99.5	93.7	92.6	94.7	105.2
Aluminium windows	100.6	100.0	100.4	102.0	103.6	104.9	114.6
Fabricated steel products	116.7	120.0	124.7	125.1	125.5	125.6	118.2
Builders' hardware	116.5	119.6	122.7	125.0	125.7	126.0	129.2
Sand and aggregate	115.9	116.3	120.5	121.3	120.2	120.2	123.8
Carpet	101.6	102.6	100.1	99.4	99.3	98.0	101.5
Paint and other coatings	145.8	144.7	153.8	158.0	163.0	164.3	150.7
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	111.5	113.0	111.2	112.9	117.6	117.6	133.2
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	110.0	111.0	112.3	112.0	112.3	112.9	115.4
All electrical materials	112.0	109.8	112.4	115.8	116.6	117.2	122.5
All mechanical services	115.0	114.9	118.2	119.6	120.1	120.9	119.3
All plumbing materials	120.1	122.8	122.8	125.7	126.1	128.2	132.3
All groups	110.9	111.4	113.2	113.4	113.8	114.5	116.4

Base of each index: year 1989–90=100.0.

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly); Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

	<i>Cattle</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
<i>Period</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1996–97	1 675.9	697.3	2 806.6	5 978.9	1 397.2
1997–98	1 798.0	767.2	3 285.6	6 385.7	1 567.7
1998–99	1 715.3	714.4	3 079.6	6 699.4	1 572.8
1998					
December	161.0	10.1	252.3	606.8	143.3
1999					
January	152.6	5.9	256.9	554.6	102.8
February	161.4	6.0	296.0	538.1	111.0
March	146.1	15.0	314.3	574.6	132.9
April	128.3	24.5	263.9	510.4	126.6
May	134.3	43.8	262.6	466.2	135.2
June	126.2	78.5	230.4	524.4	133.1
July	124.9	90.6	246.1	554.1	127.0
August	117.4	182.8	238.9	535.4	123.0
September	112.3	142.5	282.6	625.0	126.3
October	123.3	50.2	329.1	605.3	116.2
November	132.5	20.7	344.2	639.7	117.3
December	133.5	9.0	339.1	610.6	131.2
2000					
January	124.0	7.2	341.0	530.8	109.9
February r	136.1	8.1	398.8	590.6	117.6
March	140.8	16.9	392.6	627.4	131.2

Source: Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.

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MEAT PRODUCTION

	<i>Meat (carcass weight)</i>				
	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Veal</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pigmeat</i>
<i>Period</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>
1996–97	373 819	14 293	55 545	111 403	99 226
1997–98	389 087	15 578	63 470	119 972	112 504
1998–99	398 815	14 225	61 647	128 379	114 581
1998					
December	36 318	251	5 173	10 452	9 751
1999					
January	35 570	149	5 200	10 571	7 449
February	38 184	153	5 815	10 339	8 035
March	33 412	332	6 217	11 110	9 635
April	30 360	497	5 104	9 786	9 527
May	30 429	878	5 121	9 085	10 164
June	28 023	1 520	4 615	10 337	9 824
July	28 011	1 729	4 976	11 002	9 358
August	26 379	3 563	4 894	10 232	9 197
September	25 749	2 797	5 943	12 233	9 442
October	28 673	1 010	7 278	11 770	8 698
November	31 629	425	7 038	12 338	8 796
December	31 062	208	6 897	11 709	9 403
2000					
January	29 030	177	6 749	10 608	8 029
February r	31 668	198	7 647	11 693	8 499
March	32 739	364	7 598	12 316	9 595

Source: Unpublished data, Monthly Livestock Collection.

Period	New dwelling units(a)							Non-residential building(b)			
	Private sector		Public sector		Total(c)		Conversions etc.(d)	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Private sector		Total all building
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m			\$m	\$m	
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1996-97	19 670	2 185.2	447	35.7	20 117	2 221.0	1 189	592.3	1 527.1	2 303.0	5 116.2
1997-98	26 490	3 026.5	723	56.0	27 213	3 082.6	1 029	701.2	2 168.2	2 593.0	6 376.8
1998-99	28 616	3 550.4	661	49.6	29 277	3 600.0	1 555	800.3	1 918.6	2 642.3	7 042.6
1998											
December	2 524	302.7	54	5.7	2 578	308.4	145	60.5	107.1	133.7	502.6
1999											
January	1 708	210.4	125	8.8	1 833	219.1	22	41.6	87.9	153.8	414.5
February	2 785	353.4	51	3.1	2 826	356.5	229	73.7	109.3	206.7	636.9
March	2 554	326.1	37	4.0	2 591	330.1	103	75.3	159.7	226.8	632.3
April	2 447	281.9	52	3.4	2 499	285.3	160	72.3	126.8	157.4	515.0
May	2 642	337.1	37	2.4	2 679	339.5	48	63.0	174.4	202.0	604.5
June	2 450	320.9	45	4.0	2 495	324.9	43	69.2	108.4	125.1	519.2
July	2 746	351.9	88	6.3	2 834	358.2	194	92.2	183.6	208.6	659.1
August	3 768	494.0	39	4.3	3 807	498.3	78	86.1	159.2	226.2	810.7
September	3 038	405.7	72	5.9	3 110	411.6	33	76.9	198.4	214.0	702.5
October	2 685	357.5	93	8.0	2 778	365.5	86	82.8	154.4	197.9	646.2
November	3 105	403.5	59	4.6	3 164	408.1	96	77.2	154.2	181.1	666.3
December	2 930	408.9	62	6.0	2 992	414.9	95	69.8	146.7	209.3	694.0
2000											
January	2 867	407.4	19	1.6	2 886	409.0	144	66.1	165.2	181.6	656.7
February	3 327	436.8	54	4.1	3 381	440.9	91	86.1	176.6	214.7	741.7
March	3 668	511.8	9	0.8	3 677	512.6	60	81.3	134.6	152.7	746.5
TOTAL VICTORIA											
1996-97	26 014	2 793.3	596	46.7	26 610	2 839.9	1 240	728.5	1 879.7	2 839.8	6 408.2
1997-98	34 178	3 811.3	1 171	88.6	35 349	3 899.8	1 089	858.5	2 476.9	3 064.5	7 822.8
1998-99	37 194	4 482.6	894	67.2	38 088	4 549.9	1 616	951.2	2 262.5	3 125.7	8 626.8
1998											
December	3 081	361.1	61	6.3	3 142	367.4	159	70.2	136.2	177.4	614.9
1999											
January	2 297	274.0	155	10.9	2 452	284.9	23	52.4	111.6	184.6	521.8
February	3 469	431.8	83	5.5	3 552	437.4	232	86.9	129.8	255.7	780.0
March	3 467	425.2	61	5.5	3 528	430.7	109	90.5	188.4	275.0	796.3
April	3 196	365.7	57	3.8	3 253	369.5	163	85.7	146.3	183.9	639.0
May	3 516	436.2	42	3.1	3 558	439.3	52	74.4	202.3	241.6	755.4
June	3 214	408.5	51	4.6	3 265	413.2	47	83.4	156.3	183.2	679.8
July	3 565	444.8	134	9.2	3 699	454.0	194	105.2	211.9	248.2	807.4
August	4 619	587.3	66	6.5	4 685	593.8	85	101.9	204.5	282.8	978.5
September	3 964	513.6	105	8.7	4 069	522.1	36	95.7	217.2	240.6	858.5
October	3 653	473.3	98	8.4	3 751	481.8	88	97.7	182.0	236.8	816.2
November	4 048	515.0	68	5.4	4 116	520.5	107	91.4	184.8	222.3	834.2
December	3 854	519.9	64	6.3	3 918	526.3	101	85.5	184.7	261.9	873.7
2000											
January	3 662	502.2	27	2.3	3 689	504.6	152	79.5	189.6	227.6	811.6
February	4 438	570.8	73	5.9	4 511	576.6	101	99.6	202.3	271.6	947.9
March	4 640	630.7	12	1.1	4 652	631.8	66	99.4	162.3	192.2	923.3

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (quarterly).

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under construction(a)	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under construction(a)	Completed
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1996-97	19 805	18 652	8 937	17 613	6 805	6 047	4 151	5 727
1997-98	27 937	26 004	12 368	22 425	7 412	7 598	5 148	6 542
1998-99	29 227	29 165	14 455	26 926	8 861	8 307	6 198	7 029
1998								
September qtr	7 526	7 362	12 740	6 951	1 706	2 000	5 404	1 700
December qtr	6 873	7 399	13 127	6 995	2 375	1 682	5 175	1 906
1999								
March qtr	7 071	6 494	13 846	5 699	2 461	2 159	5 752	1 559
June qtr	7 757	7 910	14 455	7 281	2 319	2 466	6 198	1 864
September qtr r	9 280	8 155	15 667	6 939	3 173	3 354	7 844	1 702
December qtr	9 412	8 699	15 669	8 667	2 373	2 554	8 851	1 537

(a) Under construction at the end of the period.

Source: *Building Activity, Victoria* (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly); *Building Approvals, Victoria* (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

Period	Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings							Total
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education	Health	Other		
	\$m	\$m							\$m	
COMMENCED										
1996-97	2 692.2	761.0	348.2	343.8	508.5	410.3	303.6	1 003.3	6 371.1	
1997-98	3 850.5	891.1	598.5	241.8	428.6	270.9	250.2	1 399.8	7 931.4	
1998-99	4 496.3	987.2	444.1	263.6	428.1	485.0	239.9	1 186.0	8 530.2	
1998										
September qtr	1 126.0	221.9	111.3	54.9	102.5	132.6	26.7	225.3	2 001.2	
December qtr	1 066.4	291.0	137.8	79.9	136.2	175.6	95.1	429.7	2 411.7	
1999										
March qtr	1 046.8	223.8	75.3	64.4	98.3	98.2	41.1	190.0	1 837.9	
June qtr	1 257.1	250.4	119.8	64.3	91.1	78.7	76.9	341.1	2 279.4	
September qtr r	1 540.9	305.2	119.0	69.5	83.6	86.0	71.7	242.1	2 518.0	
December qtr	1 521.6	276.1	108.3	64.4	164.9	76.3	73.5	172.4	2 457.5	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD										
1996-97	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6	
1997-98	2 274.1	412.4	406.6	141.9	241.6	320.2	279.8	1 466.0	5 542.6	
1998-99	2 745.1	451.3	420.8	120.9	190.2	485.8	243.5	1 611.2	6 268.8	
1998										
September qtr	2 426.8	412.1	461.0	124.2	237.1	420.3	210.4	1 464.6	5 756.6	
December qtr	2 430.6	450.5	427.2	134.7	253.1	489.2	257.4	1 566.8	6 009.6	
1999										
March qtr	2 644.3	471.4	402.8	138.2	203.8	522.4	243.7	1 461.3	6 087.9	
June qtr	2 745.1	451.3	420.8	120.9	190.2	485.8	243.5	1 611.2	6 268.8	
September qtr r	3 229.8	531.2	440.2	117.8	129.6	527.3	237.1	1 503.3	6 716.2	
December qtr	3 481.0	563.5	313.8	109.6	203.2	485.0	217.0	1 434.5	6 807.8	
COMPLETED										
1996-97	2 617.6	768.5	364.8	295.6	404.0	342.0	194.6	1 106.7	6 093.8	
1997-98	3 213.6	866.6	474.7	338.4	449.4	283.2	208.2	1 738.4	7 572.4	
1998-99	4 068.1	992.4	487.3	294.3	524.9	328.5	305.1	1 110.3	r 8111.0	
1998										
September qtr	997.9	236.8	88.8	77.0	108.3	33.2	103.7	247.0	1 892.7	
December qtr	1 080.2	259.6	179.9	70.0	139.6	107.3	51.6	340.7	2 229.1	
1999										
March qtr	855.2	215.9	100.6	64.1	155.6	69.2	56.6	312.4	1 829.5	
June qtr	1 134.9	280.2	118.0	83.1	121.3	118.8	93.2	210.2	2 159.7	
September qtr r	1 075.3	235.3	116.3	76.1	147.0	50.2	81.2	375.3	2 156.7	
December qtr	1 312.9	255.7	267.8	74.0	92.8	123.9	93.5	251.9	2 472.5	

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
1997-98	833	3 401	6 809	11 044	2 858	8 185
1998-99	1 234	2 951	7 166	11 352	3 210	8 141
1998						
September qtr	318	715	1 843	2 876	861	2 015
December qtr	288	780	1 900	2 968	819	2 149
1999						
March qtr	321	652	1 665	2 639	862	1 776
June qtr	306	803	1 758	2 868	668	2 200
September qtr r	205	918	1 709	2 832	799	2 034
December qtr	194	925	1 855	2 973	711	2 262
EXPECTED						
1999-2000 r	813	3 513	6 547	10 872	2 664	8 208
2000-2001	704	3 824	5 501	10 029	2 086	7 943

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Month	Fixed loan facilities							Type of lender		
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	Total commitments	Banks	All other lenders
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998										
December	68.8	477.2	208.3	269.3	956.5	1 980.1	2 742.8	4 722.9	3 681.9	1 041.1
1999										
January	38.8	358.9	138.8	51.2	461.8	1 049.5	1 220.7	2 270.3	2 102.2	168.0
February	90.4	384.5	176.4	74.5	852.9	1 578.6	2 593.6	4 172.2	3 081.1	1 091.2
March	110.5	477.6	190.6	329.7	1 220.7	2 329.2	2 467.0	4 796.2	3 984.1	812.2
April	82.5	469.2	170.8	79.0	501.9	1 303.4	1 361.5	2 664.9	2 104.1	560.8
May	183.6	508.8	157.4	39.4	771.1	1 660.2	1 569.8	3 230.1	2 837.0	393.1
June	171.3	623.3	211.8	88.4	2 189.9	3 284.7	1 748.3	5 033.0	4 695.6	337.4
July	137.8	521.0	159.0	14.9	684.6	1 517.2	1 977.9	3 495.1	3 074.9	420.2
August	234.0	555.5	169.2	25.2	755.8	1 739.7	1 214.0	2 953.7	2 759.9	193.8
September	147.8	546.9	205.8	33.8	719.7	1 654.1	1 372.4	3 026.5	2 632.9	393.6
October	266.0	610.1	195.8	25.0	1 128.8	2 225.7	1 544.8	3 770.5	3 329.0	441.5
November	235.6	633.8	214.3	65.0	502.9	1 651.7	1 288.5	2 940.2	2 572.5	367.7
December	155.9	689.3	250.1	77.7	571.2	1 744.2	1 853.3	3 597.5	3 231.8	365.6
2000										
January	194.3	527.0	151.5	60.5	406.1	1 339.4	1 468.2	2 807.6	2 518.5	289.1
February	118.6	657.7	194.6	57.5	534.6	1 563.0	1 873.8	3 436.8	3 162.9	273.9

Source: ABS Time Series Service (PC Ausstats).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1998						
December	9 860	1 160	9 810	1 163	9 924	1 161
1999						
January	8 095	983	10 269	1 236	10 238	1 220
February	9 727	1 154	10 023	1 220	10 516	1 274
March	12 455	1 520	11 394	1 362	10 693	1 313
April	11 014	1 348	10 942	1 374	10 743	1 334
May	10 896	1 389	10 752	1 344	10 694	1 341
June	11 305	1 445	10 420	1 346	10 642	1 348
July	10 518	1 334	10 355	1 323	10 686	1 369
August	10 855	1 397	10 668	1 370	r 10 875	r 1 409
September	11 377	1 475	11 069	1 408	r 11 160	r 1 461
October	11 386	1 534	11 740	1 600	r 11 431	r 1 513
November	12 231	1 639	12 127	1 628	r 11 583	r 1 551
December	11 652	1 592	11 617	1 568	r 11 613	r 1 572
2000						
January	8 962	1 242	11 342	1 521	r 11 567	r 1 581
February	11 184	1 498	11 051	1 554	11 463	1 581

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1999								
January	1 160.7	224.5	171.0	320.9	148.9	260.0	349.2	2 635.3
February	1 058.0	185.9	151.8	291.5	130.9	256.8	333.4	2 408.2
March	1 166.9	233.5	194.9	308.0	145.3	313.4	372.3	2 734.2
April	1 121.6	236.6	205.5	311.4	139.3	296.2	386.6	2 697.2
May	1 130.3	253.5	207.1	324.0	138.5	288.0	387.9	2 729.2
June	1 089.6	220.4	208.8	319.1	142.0	299.6	382.0	2 661.4
July	1 170.3	263.2	209.4	320.8	135.3	318.3	427.2	2 844.6
August	1 138.2	221.3	200.9	321.3	138.3	310.9	411.6	2 742.6
September	1 146.6	248.5	213.6	330.6	148.6	320.2	427.6	2 835.6
October	1 200.5	259.3	224.0	359.8	147.8	319.9	436.7	2 948.1
November	1 190.1	304.1	232.1	372.7	157.7	334.1	429.8	3 020.6
December	1 411.2	528.1	325.7	477.2	235.8	436.5	511.1	3 925.6
2000								
January	1 179.4	228.0	210.3	341.8	136.9	263.9	400.8	r 2 761.1
February	1 116.3	195.9	173.6	311.9	119.5	264.3	394.1	2 575.6
March	1 201.3	224.2	207.3	326.0	130.9	288.3	438.6	2 816.7

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS(a)

Section	1998-99		Nine months ending March 2000	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food	1 313	r 3 945	1 038	3 265
1 Beverages and tobacco	134	166	105	139
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)	585	1 405	448	1 148
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	1 150	798	1 168	909
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	108	108	68	82
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.	3 247	977	2 455	752
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material	4 470	2 422	3 517	1 958
7 Machinery and transport equipment	13 489	2 897	11 072	3 043
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5 343	1 039	4 475	877
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c.	1 175	r 2 734	860	1 975
Total	31 014	16 489	25 205	14 148

(a) Any discrepancies between sums of the component items and totals are due to rounding.

Source: Foreign Trade Australia: Fasttrac Database.

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OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

Country	1997-98		1998-99		Nine months ending March 2000	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Belgium-Luxembourg	243	91	239	102	194	82
Brazil	134	76	118	48	76	28
Canada	390	122	392	125	348	100
China	2 154	624	2 537	669	2 280	791
Fiji	133	245	180	242	157	229
Finland	193	12	188	9	147	7
France	631	168	619	131	483	105
Germany	2 116	268	2 341	407	1 808	292
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	338	1 073	431	900	302	717
India	256	188	261	192	203	136
Indonesia	637	325	1 078	226	663	212
Italy	963	396	1 038	288	770	240
Japan	3 847	1 686	4 133	1 676	3 246	1 392
Korea, Republic of	882	1 039	847	862	641	848
Malaysia	668	517	873	431	846	366
Mexico	80	77	103	90	86	49
Netherlands	254	81	292	109	227	77
New Zealand	1 311	1 552	1 333	1 640	1 109	1 862
Pakistan	97	87	87	44	67	46
Papua New Guinea	163	235	64	188	31	107
Philippines	135	388	157	387	118	299
Saudi Arabia	107	268	107	511	123	511
Singapore	492	989	510	1 080	449	1 066
South Africa	147	272	125	217	126	174
Sweden	585	41	598	25	469	22
Switzerland	277	24	335	34	242	26
Taiwan	852	657	905	920	691	611
Thailand	400	341	523	343	482	329
United Kingdom	1 694	453	1 839	1 169	1 339	567
United States of America	7 027	1 603	6 891	1 469	5 877	1 221
Other and unknown	1 645	2 033	1 870	1 955	1 605	1 636
Total	28 851	15 931	31 014	16 489	25 205	14 148

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttrac Database.

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VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria		Australia		
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports(including re-exports)	Excess of exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1997–98	28 851	15 931	90 684	87 768	–2 916
1998–99	31 014	16 489	97 611	85 991	–11 620
1999					
January	2 300	1 198	7 231	6 299	–932
February	2 274	1 218	7 112	6 243	–869
March	2 855	1 504	8 699	7 331	–1 368
April	2 393	1 341	7 731	6 433	–1 298
May	2 331	1 381	7 746	6 967	–779
June	2 652	1 332	8 142	6 892	–1 250
July	2 663	1 256	8 181	7 158	–1 023
August	2 748	1 352	8 871	7 349	–1 522
September	2 777	1 460	8 965	7 392	–1 573
October	3 282	1 536	10 211	7 987	–2 224
November r	2 870	2 105	9 667	8 470	–1 197
December r	2 634	1 716	8 905	8 373	–532
2000					
January r	2 558	1 217	8 105	6 812	–1 293
February r	2 693	1 672	8 623	8 206	–417
March	2 980	1 834	9 654	8 817	–837

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttraccs Database.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Quarter ended	Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(a)						
	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Persons employed	Takings from accommodation
	no.	no.	no.	'000	%	no.	\$'000
1998							
June	669	28 850	78 637	1 415.7	53.9	20 754	153 243
September	676	29 404	80 902	1 464.3	54.4	20 776	169 966
December	682	29 717	81 976	1 602.6	58.7	20 813	182 207
1999							
March	686	30 160	83 420	1 680.8	62.0	21 129	195 573
June	698	30 766	85 247	1 545.6	55.4	21 725	170 130
September	698	30 934	85 483	1 589.5	56.0	21 780	184 105
December	705	31 317	86 058	1 672.7	58.1	21 633	191 644

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0) (quarterly).

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